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Re: Application of Hidekuni MORIYA and Naoki KUWATA
IMAGE DATA BACKGROUND DETERMINING APPARATUS, IMAGE DATA BACKGROUND
DETERMINING METHOD, AND MEDIUM RECORDING THEREON IMAGE DATA BACKGROUND
DETERMINATION CONTROL PROGRAM
Our Ref: Q60961

Dear Sir:

The following documents and fees are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. § 371 and in accordance with Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- an English translation of the International Application.
- twenty-nine (29) sheets of drawings.
- an executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form.
- a Form PTO-1449 listing the ISR references, and a complete copy of each reference.
- a Preliminary Amendment

It is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by § 371(c) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned can easily provide them upon request.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

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| Independent claims | <u>3</u> | - | <u>3</u> | = | <u> </u> | x | \$80.00 | = | <u> </u> | \$0.00 |
| Base Fee | | | | | | | | | | \$860.00 |
| Multiple Dependent Claim Fee | | | | | | | | | | \$270.00 |
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| TOTAL FEE | | | | | | | | | | |
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Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$1130.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to said Account. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.492 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from March 2, 1999, and March 2, 1999, based on JP Application Nos. 11-54285, and 11-54286, respectively.

Respectfully submitted,

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